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Iran-Iraq War

Iranian joint military and security forces launched an offensive from the western sector of Iran, capturing strategic heights overlooking the Iraqi city of Mandali and reaching a point 100 km from Baghdad, an Iranian communique carried by Tehran radio announced early on 1 October. According to IRNA, the offensive was launched to free territory occupied by the Iraqis and to show Iraq that Iran will continue the fight until its conditions are met. In a statement carried by INA, an Iraqi military spokesman declared that Iraqi forces drove back the attempted Iranian advance in the central battle sector, although battles were continuing with "remnants" of the Iranian forces.

Lebanon

Landmine Explosion, Beirut Security -- A landmine explosion near Beirut International Airport killed one U.S. marine and wounded three others, Jerusalem radio reported; a Pentagon spokesman cited by the radio affirmed that the incident was an accident. The clandestine Voice of Arab Homeland radio alleged that the marine was killed by a U.S.-made cluster bomb which had been used by the Israelis. Meanwhile, the Lebanese Army and multinational forces continued their deployment by entering the Al-Ashrafiyah area of East Beirut, Beirut radio stated. However, AFP reported that the forces were blocked from entering this district by Phalangists and that informal talks were held between the officers.

Delivering a speech at a ceremony at the Museum crossing, President Amin al-Jumayyil declared that there is no longer an East and West Beirut, but instead a unified capital of Lebanon, Beirut radio reported. He said that all main roads will be reopened and thanked the multinational force participants for responding to the Lebanese appeal for assistance. Al-Jumayyil also attended a ceremony to reopen the airport to regular traffic the radio noted.

According to HA'ARETZ, the IDF was able to detain only a few of the 2,000 "terrorists" who remained in West Beirut, although a large amount of arms had been collected.

Camp Security, PLO Fighters Return -- The IDF closed off and detained 60 suspects in the 'Ayn al-Hulwah Palestinian refugee camp near Sidon as a result of "terrorists" firing on refugees on 29 September, Jerusalem radio reported, adding that later camp life returned to normal. Beirut radio claimed that 1,500 Palestinians and Lebanese had been detained by the IDF as suspects. In another development, an order was issued that only IDF soldiers will be permitted to pass into southern or northern Lebanon at the Al-'Awwali bridge, Jerusalem radio reported. The report said this order includes Lebanese soldiers.

PLO "terrorists" who were evacuated from Beirut have returned to the Al-Biqa' Valley and Tripoli through Syrian lines, Jerusalem radio asserted. The report estimated that 5,000 "terrorists" are deployed in the Al-Biqa' alone.

Political Situation -- According to Monte Carlo radio, an informed source told the Lebanese news agency that one person has been arrested in connection with the assassination of President-elect Bashir al-Jumayyil. The source said this person revealed the names of others involved in the crime. Meanwhile, President al-Jumayyil resumed Cabinet formation consultations and received former Lebanese President Camille Sham'un, who said he had nominated someone for the post of prime minister, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Earlier, Sham'un told a press conference that negotiations should be held with the Syrians and Israelis regarding the withdrawal of their forces from Lebanese territory, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon said. He also outlined a plan for an Arab-Israeli federal Palestinian state to be established in Palestine under a joint Arab-Israeli government.

'Ali-Habib Talks -- Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali told U.S. envoy Philip Habib in Cairo that Egypt insists on the immediate Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon regardless of other considerations, the Foreign Ministry spokesman cited by MENA stated. The spokesman said Habib was told Egypt is concerned about the internal stability of Lebanon and the security of its peoples. During the talks, Habib revealed that an agreement will be reached within the next few weeks on the total withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

Radio Free Lebanon on Massacres -- A 30 September commentary by Radio Free Lebanon contrasted current concern about the massacre of Palestinians in Beirut with the world's apathy over the "fearful massacres committed by the Palestinians and other aliens against thousands of innocent Lebanese women, old men and children in Ad-Damur and throughout Lebanon."

PLO

Nayif Hawatimah, head of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, declared that the upcoming meeting of the Palestine National Council will have to make some "courageous decisions" taking into account international and Israeli views to end the "endless" wars in the Middle East, KUNA reported, citing an interview by LE MONDE. Hawatimah said the first step should be the formation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza coupled with peaceful negotiations with Israel. He disclosed that the PLO had already been meeting with various Israelis and affirmed that the PLO is ready to hold direct talks with Israel and other relevant nations for peace. He expressed support for the French-Egyptian UN proposal and said it ought to be adopted as a UN resolution, thus eliminating internal PLO disunity and "selfish" intransigence by some Arab countries.

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat chaired meetings of the Supreme Military Council and the Fatah Central Committee, according to KUNA. San'a' Voice of Palestine radio reported that Palestine National Council Chairman Khalid al-Fahum met with the deputy chairman of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium in Moscow.

Israel

In remarks carried by Jerusalem radio, Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir told the UN General Assembly that the PLO should be expelled from every "self-respecting" state and international body including the United Nations itself.

The prime minister's office issued a correction to remarks Prime Minister Menahem Begin reportedly made to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on 29 September regarding his responsibility for anything that happened in West Beirut, IDF radio reported. Begin actually said, according to the correction, that he shoulders responsibility for "every decision made by any holder of national authority or by the entire Cabinet."

Citing Israeli sources, MA'ARIV's military correspondent asserted that the United States already knew on the Friday of the week of the massacres that civilians were being killed in the Palestinian refugee camps. The U.S. officials involved did not notify Israeli authorities at the time, MA'ARIV added. Furthermore, U.S. diplomats in Beirut pressured the Lebanese prime minister into not deploying his army in the camps. The correspondent concluded that the degree of U.S. responsibility for the massacre is therefore at least as great as that of the Israelis. Meanwhile, Jerusalem political sources cited by the paper expressed satisfaction with remarks made by U.S. President Ronald Reagan at his press conference, defining the remarks as "serious and sincere."

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DEFENSE MINISTRY ISSUES ORDERS ON DISCHARGES

LD290708 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 28 Sep 82

[Text] The Organization Department of the DRA Armed Forces today reported the following to the BAKHTAR information agency about the periodical release [as heard] of unit NCO's and troops from the ranks of the DRA Armed Forces according to the Military Conscription Law:

The Ministry of National Defense has separately issued orders concerning the periodical release of unit NCO's and troops to all units and companies and the army, sarandoy, state information services and the department of road and fields construction. It is stated in these orders that those troops and NCO's whose term of service will be completed on 31 December 1982 will be released from the ranks of the armed forces. The release will start on 1 November and will continue for 2 months until 31 December depending on their service entry date.

AFP ON WEAPONRY AVAILABLE TO AFGHAN REBELS

BK301508 Hong Kong AFP in English 1413 GMT 30 Sep 82

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 30 (AFP) -- After 3 years of resistance, Afghan guerrillas now appear to have a full armory of modern assault weapons but still lack the heavy artillery needed to turn the military situation in their favor against a vastly better-equipped Soviet expeditionary corps. That is the opinion of Western analysts who have noted in recent months that rebel forces have begun discarding their trusted Lee Enfields, left behind by the British colonial army in India, for a new generation of assault rifles.

Their armory now includes Soviet-made 7.62-caliber Kalakovs and Kalashnikovs along with the most recent and smaller-caliber AKS-74s, issued to Afghan Government and Soviet troops. Automatic rifles, heavy machineguns and light and medium-sized mortars complete the panoply of advanced weapons which 3 years ago were virtually unknown to the nomadic peasants who suddenly found themselves face to face with one of the most powerful armies in the world.

But leaders of the resistance, after once pleading for "weapons, any weapons," are becoming increasing selective, Western observers have noted. They are now asking for anti-aircraft cannon to shoot down Soviet MI-24 armored helicopters and mine detectors to cross defense lines erected around Soviet-Afghan outposts.

Rebel communiques report more and more Soviet helicopters and airplanes downed by guerrillas but Western diplomats here have remained sceptical of the claims. They say resistance forces do not have the equipment necessary to knock out armored helicopters or MiG fighters.

Even the Soviet ZK-1 antiaircraft guns, some of which have no doubt fallen into guerrilla hands, are no longer being supplied to Afghan frontier posts for fear they will be sold or delivered to the resistance, diplomats said. They said it was possible the resistance may possess a handful of Soviet SAM-7 missiles, as reported by travellers in the region, but estimate such a small battery would represent little threat to Soviet pilots who are used to bombing villages from high altitudes.

Western diplomats believe that since the summer most of the fighters' weapons have been seized from government or Soviet troops but acknowledge the existence of a complicated arms delivery network probably backed by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. Radio Kabul continues to insist the rebels are being armed by Chinese and American "imperialists."

Besides Soviet warplanes, the rebels' chief fear appears to be the Soviet "special commandos" who are trained in anti-guerrilla warfare and will not hesitate to track down their adversaries in the mountains. "These soldiers are different from the others," a rebel leader recently was quoted as saying. "They aren't afraid of death."

ERSHAD RETURNS FROM SAUDI ARABIA; REVIEWS TRIP

BK301424 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1205 GMT 30 Sep 82

[Text] Chief Martial Law Administrator [CMLA] Lt Gen H.M. Ershad, now back home after performing hajj, has described the mission as successful. Talking to newsmen at the Zia International Airport on his return to Dacca this morning, he said besides performing hajj, he had very fruitful talks with King Fahd and other Saudi leaders.

The CMLA noted with satisfaction that the Saudi king is very much aware of our economic situation and gave the assurance of continued Saudi assistance to Bangladesh.

General Ershad said he extended an invitation to the Saudi king, which has been gladly accepted. The CMLA expressed the hope that the visit will take place soon. During his 8-day stay in Saudi Arabia, General Ershad also had fruitful talks with other Saudi leaders and noted businessmen. He (?informed) them of the favorable investment climate in Bangladesh. The CMLA said the Saudi businessmen expressed their willingness to invest in the brotherly country of Bangladesh. He said a delegation of Saudi officials and businessmen will visit Bangladesh soon to study the possibility of Saudi investment.

General Ershad told newsmen that the Bangladesh Government has now prepared projects worth $120 million under the $500-million assistance committed by the Saudi Government. More projects are under preparation to utilize the fund.

Replying to a question, General Ershad said important regional issues also figured during the talks with the Saudi king. He said King Fahd expressed the hope that good relations will be maintained among the countries in the region and all outstanding issues among themselves, particularly between Bangladesh and India, will be amicably resolved.

General Ershad said during his stay at (Arafat) he had a cordial and fruitful exchange of views with PLO Chief Yasir 'Arafat. He said the PLO chief narrated to him the harrowing tales of the tragic and barbarous massacre of innocent and unarmed Palestinians in West Beirut. 'Arafat expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the CMLA for the active role being played by Bangladesh in upholding the right cause of the Palestinians. He was particularly impressed by the heroic resistance put up by the Bangladeshi fighters along with Palestinians in meeting the Israeli attacks.

The CMLA assured the PLO chief of all kinds of assistance from Bangladesh in achieving the Palestinian goal. He said more Bangladeshis will be sent as and when necessary to fight shoulder to shoulder with their Palestinian brethren against the common Zionist enemy. 'Arafat is expected to visit Bangladesh in a month or two, the CMLA added.

During his stay in Saudi Arabia, the CMLA also had fruitful talks with President Sekou Toure of Guinea and President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom of the Maldives. With President Sekou Toure, the CMLA discussed the possibility of reviving the Islamic peace mission to find out suitable ways to ending the Iran-Iraq war.

RAO MEETS WITH SRV'S THACH, OTHERS AT UN

BK290437 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 29 Sep 82

[Text] External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao has had talks at the United Nations with foreign ministers of several countries on bilateral matters and international relations. Rao is now at the United Nations to attend the General Assembly session. There was an informal exchange of views on the Namibian problem, the situation in Lebanon and developments in Central America.

The Canadian foreign minister called on Rao and was with him for 1/2 hour. Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach and foreign ministers of Nicaragua, Austria and Yugoslavia also called on the external affairs minister.

GANDHI, SINGH GREET PRC LEADERS ON ANNIVERSARY

BK010409 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0204 GMT 1 Oct 82

[Text] The president and the prime minister have expressed the hope that relations between India and China will continue to develop through mutual understanding and combined efforts of the two governments.

In a message to Chairman Ye Jianying on the 33d anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, Zail Singh expressed confidence that through the efforts of both sides, relations will continue to progress between the two countries.

In her message to Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang, Mrs Gandhi expressed the hope that through greater mutual understanding and with combined efforts, a durable framework of friendly relations can be built up between India and China.

ZAIL SINGH SENDS GREETINGS TO BREZHNEV

BK010414 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 1 Oct 82

[Text] President Zail Singh has expressed happiness that the recent talks between Mrs Gandhi and President Brezhnev and other leaders have strengthened the already existing close ties between India and the Soviet Union. Overflying Soviet territory on his way to the United States yesterday, Zail Singh sent a telegram to Brezhnev conveying good wishes to the Government and the people of tne Soviet Union.

ENGINEERS TO STUDY IRANIAN NUCLEAR POWERPLANT

BK231014 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1330 GMT 23 Sep 82

[Text] India is to send a team of nuclear engineers and scientists to Iran next month to study the problems about the Bushehr nuclear powerplant of that country. The chief of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, Amrollahi, said in Vienna that he had talks with Dr Sethna and Dr Raja Ramanna.

The Bushehr nuclear powerplant is designed to generate 2,400 megawatts and will be in two units. Iran wants to resume work on the first phase of the project next year. Amrollahi said further negotiations will be held by an Iranian delegation to India after the Indian experts team completes an on-the-spot study of the problems of the powerplant.

YAQUB KHAN MEETS WITH INDIA'S RAO, OTHERS AT UN

BK010340 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 1 Oct 82

[Text] Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan called on Indian External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao at the United Nations yesterday and exchanged views with him on major international issues, particularly the regional situation, including the tragic incidents in the Middle East and the situation in Afghanistan. They also exchanged views on the forthcoming nonaligned summit scheduled to be held in New Delhi.

Later, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan and Pakistan representative at the United Nations, S. Shahnawaz attended a banquet hosted by the Indian external affairs minister in honor of the General Assembly president.

Pakistan's foreign minister yesterday also had meetings with Romanian Foreign Minister Stefan Andrei, Tunisian Foreign Minister B. es-Sebsi, and Singapore Foreign Minister Dhanabalan and exchanged views with them on major issues on the General Assembly agenda.

HAQ GREETS PRC LEADERS ON 1 OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY

BK010701 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 1 Oct 82

[Text] The PRC is celebrating the 33d anniversary of its founding today. President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq has sent a message of felicitation on the occasion to Marshal Ye Jianying, National People's Congress Standing Committee chairman. The president said that we firmly believe that the existing cordial relations of friendship and cooperation between China and Pakistan will be further strengthened and developed in the years to come.

In a separate congratulatory message to Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang, the president said: On my own behalf and that of the Government and people of Pakistan, I extend heartfelt greetings to you, the Government and the friendly people of China on this auspicious occasion. He added that the deep friendship and close cooperation between the two countries are sources of considerable strength for the people of Pakistan. The president expressed the hope that these relations will further strengthen in coming years. He prayed that China will continue to march forward along the path of progress and play an important role in protecting and promoting international peace.

NOTED AFGHAN RELIGIOUS SCHOLAR DEFECTS

BK260828 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 25 Sep 82

[Text] A noted Afghan religious scholar and former member of the (Noye) tribe of Afghanistan, (Maulavi Hafizullah Kakkar), has crossed over to Pakistan. He said in a radio interview that in Afghanistan values have been trampled upon by the atheistic Karmal regime. Religious scholars and preachers had either been killed or thrown in jail. Fake and hired religious scholars were being brought on radio and television to support the Karmal regime's policies.

The Afghan religious preceptor said 80 percent of the Afghan troops have deserted the Karmal army and only officers and Soviet troops were fighting the Afghan mujihidin. (Maulavi Hafizullah Kakkar) thanked the people and Government of Pakistan for providing shelter to the Afghan refugees on humanitarian grounds and considerations of Islamic brotherhood.

SRI LANKA

AFP: AREA TENSE AS JAYEWARDENE VISITS JAFFNA

BK301232 Hong Kong AFP in English 1148 GMT 30 Sep 82

[Text] New Delhi, Sept 30 (AFP) -- Sri Lankan forces have gone on alert for President Junius Jayewardene's visit to ethnic Tamil-dominated Jaffna this weekend after an abortive bid to blow up a bridge in the area, Press Trust of India reports from Colombo said today.

The report quoted authorities in the Sri Lanka capital as saying there was "no change" in the presidential itinerary though they believe the explosion of crude bombs on Wednesday night could be a protest against the visit.

According to the report, the government-controlled media have spoken of "an unprecedented surge of anxious concern" for the 76-year-old ruling United National Party (UNP) leader who is making his first visit to the Tamil Province since his party took power in 1977 elections.

Mr Jayewardene has warned he would go on a "satyagraha" (hunger strike) on Sunday in Jaffna if the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) "resorts to dividing Sri Lanka."

The warning was issued by the UNP leader at the start of his election campaign in a majority Sinhala dominated area in the state.

Mr Jayewardene goes to Jaffna by helicopter as part of his campaign for a fresh mandate at the October 20 poll for a second term as president. But earlier plans for a ministerial entourage have been "cancelled following the attempt to mine the road," the PTI report said.

In the Tamil District seven organisations have called for a boycott of the visit to underline their complaint that Mr Jayewardene had not visited Jaffna in the wake of 1981 communal disturbances.

Significantly, the report said, important leaders of the TULF including its secretary general, A. Amirthalingham, who is the leader of the opposition in the Sri Lankan Parliament, have discreetly left for a foreign tour.

"I do not expect the president to say that he supports our cause," remarked Mr Amirthalingham prior to his departure for UK and Libya early this week.

TULF has publicly announced it would not participate or vote in the presidential poll.

Explaining in an interview to PTI his party's stand on the "non-participation" move, the TULF leader spoke of what he called an attempt to divide the Tamils by seeking a new mandate for Eelam (Tamil state). He asserted that the Tamils had already voted in 1977 decisively for Eelam.

His reference was to the campaign by All-Ceylon Tamil Congress whose leader Kumar Ponnambalam is one of six candidates at the October 20 presidential contest with the poll slogan: "A vote for me is vote for Eelam."

BOMBS EXPLODE IN TAMIL-DOMINATED REGIONS

BK291556 Hong Kong AFP in English 1543 GMT 29 Sep 82

[Text] New Delhi, Sept. 29 (AFP) -- Bombs exploded in the Tamil-dominated northern Jaffna regions of Sri Lanka last night, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said today.

Reporting from Colombo, the agency said the blasts damaged a bridge and were believed to be the work of a radicalsection of the Tamil community.

The bombings were believed to be in protest against a scheduled election tour of the area by President Jayewardene this week-end. There were no reports of casualties, PTI said.

Mr Jayewardene is running for a second term in (?office) in the presidential elections to be held on October 20.

The president, representing the ruling United National Party (UNP), is opposed by some half a dozen rival candidates from different opposition parties, including former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike's Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP). Mrs Bandaranaike herself, however, is barred from participating in any such elections.

The Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), campaigning for an independent Tamil state to be carved out of the island republic, has called upon the minority community to boycott the coming presidential poll.

TULF NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

BK290912 Colombo SUN in English 20 Sep 82 p 1

[By K. Arsaratnam]

[Text] The Tamil United Liberation Front [TULF] yesterday resolved that they will not participate in the presidential election and will not vote for any candidate.

This decision was taken at the General Council meeting held behind closed doors at the party office in Nallur. The meeting was presided over by TULF President M. Sivasithamparam.

The General Council also decided that they would not support the Tamil Congress Candidate Kumar Ponambalam who, they claimed, had attempted to divide and split the "Tamil nation".

The council claimed that the "Tamil nation" has taken a decision to fight for the restoration of its lost sovereignty and to re-establish an independent secular socialist state of Eelam.

The council had resolved that since none of the political parties contesting the presidential election had fully accepted the right of this "Tamil nation" they would not participate in the election and would not vote for any candidate.

The General Council, which met in Trincomalee last month, decided that they would not field a presidential candidate. This earlier decision they said was based on the principle that "the Tamil nation seeking to liberate itself from Sinhala rule was not seeking to rule over the Sinhalese."

5-YEAR TRADE PROTOCOL SIGNED WITH PRC 21 SEP

BK221102 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 22 Sep 82

[Text] Sri Lanka and China yesterday signed a new 5-year trade protocol which will come into operation on 1 January next year. The agreement provides for cash trading in a wide range of goods in place of the traditional rubber for rice barter deal.

Under this agreement both countries expect the overall trade to rise sharply from the present 1 billion rupees to 1.6 billion rupees during 1983. Sri Lanka and China will give each other most-favored-nation treatment. Both countries now envisage a joint committee to review implementation of the agreement and to promote bilateral trade.

IRANIANS LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE IN SUMAR REGION

Joint Communique

LD010932 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0846 GMT 1 Oct 82

[Communique issued by the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revoluciton Guards Corps]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. "Fight them, for God will verily lend you succor and will assist and grant you victory and gladden the breasts of a believing people." [Koranic verse]

O Muslim nation of Iran: Once again the wakeful knowing people and the enemy-hunting lions, leaning on the chants of "God is the greatest" sung by the lovers of the path of (?peace) and by taking succor from the divine help of Almighty God, attacked the puny enemy and thus paved the way to the liberation of Karbala' and the conquest of dear Jerusalem.

At 0050 today, 1 October 1982, the brave forces of Islam, comprising brothers from the Ground Forces, the Air Force, and the Airborne Division of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the people's Mobilization forces, during the victorious and successful "Muslim Disciple of the Prophet" [Muslim ibn 'Aqil] Operation codenamed "Companion of Imam Hoseyn" [Ya Abalfadl al-'Abbas] attacked the defeated and blasphemous enemy. In the earliest hours of the battle they valiantly regained for the Islamic homeland the predetermined objectives, which had been under the occupation of the infidel Ba'thists.

O Hezbollahi nation: Greetings to you and to beloved Iraq [as heard] on this great victory, which is the harbinger of the start of a victorious movement from the An-Najaf base located on the western axes and which, God willing, will bring the glad tidings of greater victories in the future.

During these glorious and successful operations, the self-sacrificing forces on the fronts of light succeeded in covering great stages on their path toward Iraq. By capturing the heights overlooking the city of Mandali, in Iraq, which had come under the occupation of the Iraqi Ba'thists, they have reached a point 100 km from Baghdad. Following this success the Iraqi city of Mandali has come under the complete [word indistinct] and supervision of the forces of Islam and the lord of the age.

We hope this holy success will mark the beginning of the liberation of Karbala' and the beloved Jerusalem, which occupy a special place in the hearts of the Muslim people.

Muslim Iranian nation: We will inform you of the full results of the victorious operations of those who follow the red path of Imam Hoseyn in subsequent communiques.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

Gains in Offensive

LD011100 Tehran IRNA in English 1020 GMT 1 Oct 82

[Text] An-Najaf headquarters, Oct 1, IRNA -- Some 80 to 90 percent of the planned objectives of the Islamic forces were achieved according to informed military sources here and the Operation "Muslim ibn Aqil" is still continuing.

Muslim ibn Aqil was the cousin and one of the close associates of Imam Hoseyn, the third imam of the household of the prophet.

In the operation, which began at 00:50 hours this morning, the Islamic forces inflicted heavy blows on the enemy at early hours of combat and until 08:00 hours today they have repelled 5 enemy counterattacks.

Also according to a report at 09:05 hours several Iraqi border posts had been captured in the region by the Islamic forces.

Fighting is taking place 10 kms west of the border town of Sumar (in Ilam Province) on heights which were occupied by the Iraqi forces since the war began two years ago. Earlier reports said that the Muslim fighters have firmly positioned themselves on the "Miyan Tang", "Gasikeh", and "Kohneh Rig" heights overlooking the Iraqi city of Mandali, some 100 kms from Baghdad.

Also military sources here said that two enemy battalions were on alert at the time of the offensive.

150 Square Km Liberated

LD011144 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1040 GMT 1 Oct 82

[Text] The latest reports to reach us from IRNA say that during the "Muslim Disciple of the Prophet" Operation, begun at midnight last night, six border posts in Iranian territory, which had been under enemy occupation for the past 24 months, were liberated.

According to this report more than 150 square km of the territory of the Islamic homeland have been cleansed of the presence of the aggressors, seven enemy counterattacks had been smashed by 1300 today and the strategic Naft Khaneh-Mandali highway is now controlled by Islam's combatants.

According to this report, the border posts of (Salman Koshteh), (Qaleh Jub), (San Baba), (Miyan Tang), (Disteh) and (Kani Sheykh) were liberated along a 21-km front where operations codenamed "Companion of Imam Hoseyn" had begun. In the strategic (Miyan Tang) gorge along the Sumar-Mandali route, which is already under the control of the forces of Islam, the enemy was forced to flee after carrying out seven desperate counterattacks, leaving behind a large amount of equipment. The number of enemy killed is appreciable and a number of Iraqi POW's have been moved behind the front.

The report says that the operational zone, mountainous and difficult terrain, was in enemy hands for the past 2 years and during that period the enemy had prepared a great many military fortifications, but most of the positions are now in the hands of the forces of Islam.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 1,063

LD301750 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 30 Sep 82

[Communique No 1,063 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The grateful nation of Iran is hereby informed of the situation at the imposed war fronts:

Exchanges of artillery and other heavy-weapon fire continued yesterday on the country's western fronts, with heavier exchanges in the Meymak region. The outcome of operations at those fronts included the destruction of several bunkers; the Iraqi mercenaries suffered a number of casualties, either dead or injured. The Islamic valiants succeeded in silencing enemy fire.

During exchanges of fire on the southern fronts, the self-sacrificing combatants of Islam silenced the Iraqi mercenaries' fire completely, halted the Iraqi forces' movements and operations and inflicted casualties on the enemy by dispatching combat patrols and tank units.

On the Abadan and Khorramshahr fronts, the valiants of the navy and gendarmerie mounted retaliatory fire on the Saddamists' fronts across the Arvand Rud, silencing the enemy's fire and destroying part of their positions and concentrations. During these operations, a number of Iraqis were either killed or injured.

During the past 24 hours, the criminal Saddamists continued to have the city of Abadan within their long-range shelling, injuring eight of our dear compatriots and destroying five houses.

Enemy aircraft aggressions yesterday were repulsed by the self-sacrificing air defense forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The invading Iraqi aircraft were forced to flee before taking any successful criminal action.

During battles on 27 and 28 September, 21 army personnel, 7 selfless air force combatants and one gendarmerie valiant achieved the lofty honor of martyrdom and gave their lives for the imam. May peace be upon their souls and their memories live forever.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

GUERRILLA GROUPS INFILTRATE IRAQI POSITIONS

LD301706 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 30 Sep 82

[Text] IRNA reports that two guerrilla groups of the self-sacrificing army of Islam this morning infiltrated behind the Ba'thist enemy fronts at Mehran and destroyed part of the Iraqi Qal'at Shakhir post, as well as killing or injuring a number of Iraqi military personnel. At the conclusion of their mission, the combatants of Islam returned safely to their base.

COMMANDER ON TRAINING OF HELICOPTER PILOTS

GF261644 Tehran IRNA in English 1610 GMT 26 Sep 82

[Text] Esfahan, Sept 26, IRNA -- Since the victory of the Islamic revolution, the helicopter pilot training programme by Iranian experts have saved millions of dollars in government expenditure.

Colonel Afshar, the commander of Esfahan's havaniruz (ground forces air support units) forces, said in an interview with IRNA here today that all helicopter pilots were being trained in Iran by Iranian experts on all sorts of helicopters, including the American built Chinook and Cobra. He said that during the shah's regime the U.S. and a number of other countries were being paid some 500,000 dollars for each pilot student. He said that the present cost of training was minimal.

The commander said that despite economic sanctions the havaniruz helicopters were not facing any flight problems. He added that most of the necessary spare parts of the copters were currently being built by Iranian technicians and although the helicopters had flown in many war operations, they were in good condition, in relation to spare parts.

Colonel Afshar said that with the expelling of American advisers from Iran, the world had become amazed with the tremendous efficiency of the Iranian experts during the past two years of war.

KHAMENE'I APPEALS FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST U.S.

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, Mr Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, the president of our country, sent the following important message to the leaders of each of the Islamic countries:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The extensive aggression of the occupying Zionists and the unprecedented cruelty they exhibited during their savage massacres in Beirut reveal, more clearly than ever before, America's unconditional support for them and that great Satan's seal of approval on the cruel order authorizing this odious slaughter. It is the duty of every decent human being, and even more so the historical duty of all Islamic governments, to avenge such unprecedentedly savage acts. This battle must not be limited to a political struggle or to one directed only against the Zionists. Rather, it should, more than anything else, make use of effective economic weapons -- in the first instance, against the arrogant American Government.

Therefore, I propose that your government, as the government of an Islamic country, participate in delivering an effective economic blow to that plundering regime and ban all American goods from your country. We are very optimistic as to the effects of this politico-economic move as a response to the pleas of the Palestinian and Lebanese Muslims.

[Signed] Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, the Islamic president of Iran

U.S. MILITARY SALES TO BAHRAIN DENOUNCED

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpts] Since the success of the Islamic revolution in Iran, the United States has been busy building all kinds of military bases in this or that part of the world, particularly in the Persian Gulf area. Its aim is to protect its interests of exploitation in the region. Among the new bases built or being built, there is one base in Somalia, one in Kenya, one in Oman and one in Egypt. And the shaykh of Bahrain, who recently has been receiving attention from the propaganda machinery of the United States, in the coming few days or few months, may become one of the major instruments of the military policy of the criminal United States. The great Satan intends, as far as it is possible, to arm its treaty friends, mercenaries and servants in this region.

As has been already mentioned, Washington has also not forgotten the oil-producing shaykh of Bahrain. It intends to make use of this tiny state in its military plans. The Pentagon, the U.S. ministry of war -- which should be rightly named the U.S. ministry of aggression -- insists that the shaykh of Bahrain is in a very important strategic and geographic position because this island lies between Saudi Arabia and revolutionary Iran. As is known, Washington intends to use its (?Rapid Deployment) Force to defend the oil centers in the Persian Gulf and to intimidate and crush the revolutionary forces in the region.

The great Satan can make use of Bahrain as a base, which Washington intends to call a temporary base. The great Satan has laid initial plans for making use of this shaykhdom. World-devouring America announced a few days ago that it will carry out a plan to sell military equipment to the Government of Bahrain.

Under this plan, Washington will sell four (?F-105) training planes to bolster the military force of this island -- which has little power in the Persian Gulf and which is quite ineffective anywhere outside the region -- for its own interests and for the interests of the rest of Western imperialists.

However, this decision has been made by the great Satan only. The U.S. Congress must also approve the plan. If the U.S. Congress, 30 days after the government request, does not veto this program, the sale of sophisticated equipment can proceed. However, it is expected that the U.S. Congress will approve the plan. It is also possible that the Congress may even approve the sale of very advanced military equipment to Bahrain.

With the sale of U.S. military equipment to the shaykh, the Government of Bahrain, which like other shaykhdoms is a supporter of West, will for the first time have an air force and thus will become, by its own will, another link in the chain [of bases] built by the great Satan, the United States, in the Persian Gulf.

It should be recalled that the present air force of Bahrain -- which can hardly be called an air force -- consists of helicopters used by the paratroopers in that country. Similarly, the great Satan, before announcing its intention to sell sophisticated military equipment to Bahrain, had announced that four (?FC-2) spy planes, equipped with radar, (?will be sold) to Egypt.

GDR INDUSTRIAL DELEGATION LEAVES TEHRAN

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[Text] The Central News Unit reports that a GDR industrial delegation, led by the deputy minister of industries of that country, left Tehran today. According to this report, during this delegation's stay in Tehran, discussions were held between the Iranian delegation, led by the executive deputy minister of industries, and the German delegation. The talks dealt with the expansion of industrial cooperation in the field of electrical and electronic industries.

Yesterday, the delegation, accompanied by the GDR ambassador and the executive deputy minister of industries of our country, visited the GDR stand and the stand of the national industries of Iran at the eighth international Tehran fair.

KHOMEYNI STRESSES NEED FOR ORDER, OBEDIENCE

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[Speech delivered by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni during 30 September meeting at his residence with Interior Minister 'Ali Akbar Nateq-Nuri and supervisors of various Tehran committees -- read by announcer]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. One of the factors that should be borne in mind is that moral issues should be brought to the attention of the people. This would benefit both those concerned and others. Having said that, I would like to point out certain problems.

You know that what made a success of this movement and revolution was faith. As stated in the holy Koran, the faithful are all brothers; there are no differences between them. It is the nature of man's ego to take credit for every achievement. This is nothing but selfishness. The present differences that are visible stem from weak faith. It makes no difference to those working for the sake of God who is doing the job -- themselves, their brothers or others. I do hope that all of us will be able to act this way in the Islamic Republic -- a way which is superior to all others.

The day you feel kindness and fraternity increasing between you and other elements who are serving will be the day you can rest assured that your faith has become stronger. You know that under the present circumstances our country needs a united armed forces. Should, God forbid, understanding between the committees and the Guards Corps be lacking, you will not achieve our objective -- namely, Islam. You must never entertain the idea that you are simply a committee member and that it is only the committee which must improve its work. The same thing applies to the corps. You must try to work in a brotherly manner and accept this Koranic principle that all the faithful are brothers. Consequently, you must remain friends, show kindness to eachother and wish nothing but good for others. You must discard these selfish and temperamental desires that would dictate separation between the corps and the committees. This is the secret of the society's success.

The second secret is that although there is no hierarchy in Iran, that all those titled individuals have disappeared and we are on our own, there must be order and systems. You must, for the sake of God, adhere to the chain of command. If we were to have a situation in which every individual decided for himself and acted accordingly, the spiritual quality and ordinary achievements would also disappear. You already know that although the prophet would not be distinguishable to a new arrival in the mosque, nevertheless everyone was obliged to submit to him.

We are all brothers. However, in the absence of any order our brotherly links would disappear. For instance, if commanders are disobeyed during the war, there is no doubt that we will be defeated. Only when everyone carries out orders issued by the designated commander will there be no question of defeat. Point this out, for doing so will help the faithful.

Therefore, by relying on God Almighty, we must strengthen our morale, we must remain brothers, while remembering that those who have differences among themselves will not reap success. As for you, you do not wish to have success by force. You want to treat people on the basis of proper morality and good behavior in order to be considered fair before God and the people. You must consider the people as part of yourselves. Even if you are carrying rifles or arms you must treat the people on the basis of correct morality, remembering that it is the true humility which is the correct yardstick. When you succeed in winning the people's hearts, this will have a lasting effect before God.

I am your [word indistinct]. I do hope that, God willing, you will adhere to your religious, Islamic and national duties. God bless you all.

MUSAVI ON TOUR OF KOHKILUYEH VA BOYER AHMAD

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[Text] The Central News Unit reports that Prime Minister Mr Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, who is on a visit to Kohkiluyeh va Boyer Ahmad Province, in the company of the minister of education and training, the minister of state for executive affairs and the provincial governor, visited the important (Guro) oil installations situated near Barghan port and the township of Gachsaran.

According to this report, prior to his visit to the oil installations, the prime minister attended a rally of oil workers and said in a speech: The world is surprised by the stability of the Islamic revolution, but what it cannot understand is the zeal and unity within the Islamic nation. Referring to the Saddam regime's efforts to destroy our country's economic resources with the aim of toppling the Islamic revolution we said: Even if all our economic resources are destroyed our revolution will remain where it is, as it is based on Islam and the leadership.

The prime minister also said: Your work, in the oil industry, dear workers, is precisely the same as that carried out by our combatant brothers at the fronts.

According to this report, today Mr Musavi and his entourage also visited the (Pirabgun), (Talaju) and (Sarfaryab) tribes, by whom he was given a warm welcome. During this meeting the prime minister emphasized the need to remove the causes behind the complaints by the tribes, including the shortage of money. He said: The imam of the Islamic nation views you as part of the resources of the revolution, and the government, too, using its entire might, is striving to improve your living standard. God willing, just as the imam has graciously said, the feudal scourge will be expunged from this country.

Following this visit, Mr Musavi returned to Yasuj.

2 MORE QOTBZADEH 'CO-CONSPIRATORS' EXECUTED

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[Text] Tehran, Sept. 30 (IRNA) -- Another two co-conspirators of former Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh were sentenced to death and went before a firing squad Wednesday night according to a verdict issued by the army revolutionary tribunal.

Mehdi Mahdavi, a pseudo-clergy, and Colonel Qasem Hoseyni, a former army prosecutor, were executed on charges of participating in a plot to overthrow the Islamic Republic of Iran.

NVOI: CONSTITUTION'S PRINCIPLES BEING VIOLATED

TA291958 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 29 September carried a commentary, entitled "Violation of the Constitution's Principles Distorts the Feature of the Islamic Republic."

It said every passing day our homeland's people are becoming aware more than ever of the harm resulting from the nonimplementation of the law in the country.

We know that the imam of the nation declared the year 1360 as the year of law, and requested everyone, particularly the responsible authorities, to observe the laws in our liberated country. However, unfortunately, there is still no sign of the implementation of the Constitution's principles in our country in the true sense of the word. This fact paves the way for the achievement of the satanic aims of the foes of the revolution, whether internal or external.

The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran, approved by a decisive majority of the people, is one of the gains of the Iranian nation's revolution. Among the democratic freedoms stipulated in the Constitution for the Iranian people are the freedom of activity of parties and freedom of the press and so forth. But unfortunately, in practice, these freedoms are not observed. Many of the true revolutionary parties and organizations in the imam's and the revolution's popular and anti-imperialist line have actually been deprived of the right of free activity. Both in the capital and in other towns the offices of these organizations have been occupied by unauthorized individuals. Many truthful newspapers and periodicals have been banned and their offices are under the occupation of unauthorized elements.

It is quite obvious that all unlawful acts in our country emanate from the rightist opponents of the imam's line. It is this group of opponents of the imam's line that says everything must be in our monopoly. It is a cause of deep regret that these elements are entrenched within and around the government and all influential political and religious circles, and do not spare any effort to emasculate the revolution. It is a result of the subversive activity of these elements that the repeated recommendations of the imam with respect to observing the law in our country are not being transformed from words into action, and this in fact deals blows to the revolution.

One must act decisively against this unhealthy and counterrevolutionary trend. The government is obligated to implement the principles of the Constitution, which entail democratic freedoms for all people. An end must be put to the reality of application of pressure against parties and organizations that are in the revolution's and the imam's line, and the continued banning of responsible and committed newspapers must be terminated.